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STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER

By EVELYN KIRK

Heard ye? Hear ye? All ye Podunkians, neurotics and other forms of mental disorders! Cock an eye in this direction and fear the worst for it is to come. Laugh at this if you can.

Guess who came to see Sarah Helen during Xmas? Of course, Santa came, but Billy Pritchett came too. Guess that's a nice pal. Anyway he can take mind off the one who didn't come, write or call. Know who that was?

Connie got letters every day long distance calls and a lovely gift from Martin, Tennessee, during the holidays. Woo, woo.

All's fair in love and war all right, but yours truly can't tell whether it is love or war between Hafford and Billie.

Oneida had a chronic habit of going home on week ends last year. Will she this year? We'll see.

While the cat's away the mice will play. Didn't you James Hall and Jane Cox (in '39)?

The Xmas dance was a grand success and Jo Glover declares she had a better time than she ever had in her life at a dance. I guess "Southern Hospitality" was the reason.

Now that winter is well under way many of the girls have started wearing those tricky high socks. Among those adopting them are Sarah Helen Wheatley, Jo Glover, Frances Barger, Kathryn Warren and Dorothy Jackson. They look mighty cute and warm.

Since when has it become a custom for students to have secretaries. Well, Lennis Dunlap had Colleen Terry writing down notes for him the other night. I guess he thinks he rates.

Saw Boswell and Sarah on the stair steps in the administration building the other night both were pleading. I reckon they were arguing which to do, go up or down.

Mush looked forward to the date with Oneida on New Year's all during Xmas holidays. He even got a new hair cut.

Somebody told me that somebody told them that they heard somebody say they'd like to know just what boys gave La Rue Xmas presents. I wonder if there was a reason or just curiosity???

Well, boys, do you know what this is? It's 1940 and the girls declare that if you don't start jumping around more on the campus they are going to carry on that "leaping" stunt. And if I don't stop I'll be jumping from hurling boots and books. So Long.

What They Got For Christmas

The girls in the dormitory had a very lovely Christmas and it seems that the boy friends were very generous. Would you like to know what they got? Here 'tis: Lelabelle Scruggs, Cedar Chest; Billie Hardin, Bracelet; Jo Young, Locket; Anita Mulherin, Dresser Set; Dorothy Jackson, Radio; Sarah Helen Wheatley, Fitted Week End Case.

Oneida Johnson, Portable Radio and Evening In Paris Set.

Nancy Smith, Bracelet.

Connie Sherrill, Locket and Compact.

Virginia Webb, Housecoat.

Jo Glover, Evening Cape.

Sarah Dickey, Radio.

Fanny Nowell, Radio.

Sarah Todd, Picture and Compact.

Marjorie Freshnell, Evening Bag.

Evelyn Kirk, Tea Handkerchief.

Flora Mai Moore, Bracelet.

Charlene Delashmit, Locket.

Rebecca Isbell, Housecoat.

Frances Irwin, Musical Power Box.

Ruth Latimer, Evening Bag.

Coty's Makeup Set.

Careene Davis, Hollingsworth's Candy.

Ann Lou Nance, Compact.

Nell Beaton, Coty's Makeup Set.

Loretta Moore, Max Factor Set.

Clarene Dyer, Radio.

Strangler's Corner

What feminine attraction held Jack Sorrels at the Junior College?

What's this about "ould"? Hall driving thirty miles through sleet and snow New Year's night to sleep?

What happened at the administrative council meeting last week that makes Sarah Strong and Margaret McClain so blue?

Any one wishing to really feel "larrupping" over the week-end see "Abe" Atkins.

What benefits were derived from the floor show at the girls' dorm, featuring "Snow-white" Wheatley and Billie Hardin?

What girl's boots were filled with snow by Rube Robins?

Quoting Mac Williams: "Candy is dandy, but liquor is quicker for a cold."

Argo Collier made the statement that he was the best tumbler in the Junior College, including Hafford Nash.

Joe "Little Audrey" Bell says he believes what is to be has already been.

It seems that McKinney was not able to do Jameson any good in economics.

"Forty-five Minutes" Workman tells us he didn't keep his new year's resolution with a certain girl.

What good brother decorated Mrs. Morgan's yard the other night.

"Becky" Isbell seems like a calm kitten since her date with "Pole Cat" Jameson.

Martha Jackson is really a shark at bowling, making a neat score of 2, alleying eight out of ten shots.

What could draw Pritchett to Brownsville when there is so much to be done in Dresden during Christmas.

Nash says there is nothing like a smile and a car to lure the women to you.

Quoted by a lonely boy on the campus: "It is funny that one boy can have exactly what another boy has not."

It is rumored that Charles French has a date with a popular young girl at the girls' dorm the "second Tuesday" in next week.

Since this is leap year we wonder if there will be a "Burney-Head" case.

It seems E. Kirk is interested in the extension service of Giles County. She says, "We are just friends, though."

Connie Sherrill said she would not get out in the snow for anybody, but we notice she walked to town with Hayes.

Its too bad that Yieser, Dunlap and Kroll all decided to take Colleen to the show the same night.

Jo Young starts leap year off right by sending James Hall word she does not have a date.

Irony, if you please Hafford waves Rebecca Isbell goodbye as she leaves the dorm with Jameson.

I FOUND ONE POET ONE POET FOUND ME

By EVELYN KIRK

This Christmas was a very unusual one for me, for I had the pleasure of talking to two old men whose past is a very interesting one. They were both very old and though very uneducated had written several poems of interest.

I went to visit Mr. Thomas C. Graves of near Waynesboro, Tenn., one afternoon and he was in a teasing mood. Suddenly he said, "Little girl, I have a book I want to show you." Well, I feared what was to come, because he was such a tease I was afraid I was in for a bit of teasing. But when he handed me the book he told me that there were some poems that he had written at night while he was alone. In order to be courteous to an old man I began to compliment his poems almost before I had read them. I soon realized, however, that there were several poems full of love, devotion, sentiment, meditation and

character. I at once began to feel a bit of sympathy coming for him when I began to recall what I knew of his past life. He had given up two wives and one daughter through death and I soon realized that at nights while he was alone his mind wandered to the grave where they were and his poems revealed what he thought as he sat writing, because in one of his poems he wrote:

"Parting is all we know of heaven and all we need of hell."

In spite of this sorrow though he is a very loveable old man. Full of life, he roams the hills of Wayne County quoting poetry. He doesn't do much work. He has his home, but he doesn't stay there much. He visits his children and stays with his "baby" daughter in Ohio a great part of the time.

He is possibly 70 or 75 years of age, but he still talks of his "girl friends." He is a very handsome old man. He could possibly be the answer to an old maid's prayer some day. His hair is silky and he has a white mustache. He is red-faced and very fat, in fact if he wore a red suit he would look like dear Old Santa.

Later in that week an old tramp came to our house and ask to spend the day and night. And, as usual, I was afraid of him, but we felt sorry for this old, bent man who was walking on such a cold day, so we told him to come in by the fire.

He said, "My name is Robert Evers and I'm a feeble old man. I have no home or relatives. I can not do physical labor because I had a stroke of paralysis a few years ago. To keep from going into a stupor I do mental work. I write poems and get donations from those who will help me. Will you please help me?"

This old man was very interesting to talk to. He was very clean and gentleman-like. He asked to sit by the light because he had some work to do. He worked on the index of his two books of poems he called Soul of Nature. He hopes to have them published soon.

He is very religious and writes many religious poems. He prints all of his poems by hand, and the printing is very fancy. He reads every opportunity he gets and is well versed on the world situation at the present.

When he is writing poetry he tries to punctuate it correctly. Most of his poems are written in iambic pentameter.

Yes, Carl Sanburg, the second, roams the country writing poems and he is only living to get his poems published.

WHAT STUDENTS TALK ABOUT

One of the most discussed subjects on the University of Tennessee Junior College is eight o'clock classes. When a student receives his schedule for a quarter, he quickly looks to see his number of eight o'clock classes. If a student has several eight o'clock classes, one usually hears the student moaning about them. Why students have such a horror of early morning classes no one knows. Students probably think that if they discuss early morning classes someone will some day make the rule that the college day will begin at nine o'clock. The student that has a schedule with few eight o'clock classes boasts about them, while his friends breathe envious sighs. Students usually do not like the teachers that have their eight o'clock classes as well as they do those teachers that have later morning classes. The discussions of eight o'clock classes usually leads to a discussion of the teacher and of their good and bad points. With the discussion of a teacher one usually finds the student discussing examinations and subjects. The discussion of eight o'clock classes always brings about a discussion of teachers, subjects, and examinations which are the most discussed subjects on the campus.

SOCIETY

Miss Frances Barger entertained December 25th at her home on University Street with a tea dance honoring her house guest Miss Elizabeth Elliott Robertson of Nashville. Receiving with Miss Barger, who wore a gown of shell pink lace outlined with silver thread and carried an old-fashioned bouquet of pink camellias and white lilies, were her mother, Mrs. D. G. Barger, Miss Kathryn Warren and Miss Shirley Walters. Mrs. Barger wore a black lace formal with white gardenia corsage. Miss Warren wore pale blue satin period gown made with basque, square neckline and short sleeves. She wore a corsage of blush pink camellias, mimosa and blue pansies. Miss Walters wore a gown of blue chiffon embroidered with silver rose paillettes and adorned with a corsage of yellow orchids.

Among the younger guests from out of town were: Miss Carrell Stewart and Barbara Banner of Hot Springs, Ark., Miss Alice Dow of Montclair, Miss, Miss Elmer Benedict, Miss Rosalind Hewitt and Miss Rebecca Dexter of Natchez, Miss, Miss Rose Sharer, Miss Madeline Chester of Nashville, Misses Dotcas Conrad and Anne Draper of Memphis, Ivan Kranth and Frank Hamilton of Hot Springs, Ark., Chester Cosden of Montclair, Miss, George Bowling Lee, Jr. and Jack Tabner of Natchez, Miss, Robert H. Storrs and Brown Ferguson of Nashville, Donald Lamont and Douglas Simmons of Memphis.

Those from U. T. J. C. who attended were Jack Donaho, Robert Dodd, Lennis Dunlap, Kathryn Warren and Shirley Walters.

Fifty-four guests were present

NEW BOOKS FOR LIBRARY

Three new books will be added to our library Monday. One of the books is "Speaking of Changes," by Edward A. Filene. Mr. Filene was the owner of a large department store in Boston and this is a collection of his views toward the economic system. He selected its contents from his recent speeches and articles. Upon his death the book was suspended but was published later by his friends.

Another interesting book is Thomas D. Clark's "The Ram-paging Frontier." This gives one a picture of early frontier life. The story is told in the refreshing colloquialism of the time.

The third book, "Wild Country," written by Fraser Darling, is mainly for the lovers of wild life. It contains the finest nature photography of its kind. It also has notes by a highland naturalist.

THE PERFECT DRIVE

When Sunday rolls around again and you have nothing to do but sit around and yawn, just call up the boy friend with the best looking car and make a date to go out and see things. Remember, girls, this is leap year! If you want to ride all afternoon here is a perfect drive. First, drive to Fulton and stop at the C. & E., of course. Then go to Hickman to see the Mississippi River. If you feel like it, jump in. We won't mind.

Then go on to Tiptonville and stop at the cafe. There you can get the best chocolate dips that you have ever dipped. After the "dip", drive on to Reelfoot Lake and catch the "Three Little Fishes." After a big feed at the Lakeview Hotel I think that you will be ready to say that you have come to the end of a perfect day.

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Sports News

History has been made. Tennessee went to the western coast, which is not to be forgotten in the near future by either Tennessee fans or their hosts, Southern California.

As someone said on their departure, an ambulance was not required to return them to their hallowed state, Tennessee. They performed a memorial deed in true Volunteer fashion. Of course many of us would have been more pleased with a different score but that wasn't all that was involved in our beloved seniors representing the renowned Volunteer state out west.

Guest writers bestowed upon them the honor of being swell sports, and we can hardly heckle at that. The mount of prestige the Vols gave the University of Tennessee at the western reception will never be forgotten, plus all the big greenbacks that they returned with them to the hill.

So much for the game, as we throw at the results of a penalty placing the opposition within one yard of their goal line, let's turn to the future. I am wondering about the statement of our friend Walter Stewart. He says, "Just watch Tennessee next year." Here's hoping he's right for when the records run wild. Star bowl teams are seldom turned to random. They are deadly foes; for instance, you have your choice of T. C. U., Alabama or Pitt. Look 'em over and you don't call either of them a breather, do you?

Basketball is on the rampage with the spur of each hour. It is a keen sport which bears watching, although some authorities assert that it is on the decline.

Looking through U.T.C. schedule gives me a hankering that it really isn't so tough. That will not be the factor that counts altogether. The big things that will count most are the way that the boys decide to play the season and the results of the coaching has at making a ball club out of this stack of raw material. The material looks good. There are several men out who have records for themselves heretofore. Bratton and Easley are the fellows who will bear watching from the freshman wave. Practice sessions show the Bratton man to be a thorn in the side on the scoring line. Their real strength will be shown in the tussle with Bethel Tuesday night.

Imagine the Rose Bowl game being the second in which Ed Molinski has had the haunted experience in losing . . . Bethel College opened its season with Paducah Junior College Saturday night . . . I wonder why basketball rules don't change more rapidly? . . . Coach Hayes says that he will endeavor to make the boys in his classes appreciate boxing and wrestling. I hope.

FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION OF GRADE OF THE FALL QUARTER, 1939

Quality Points	Letter	Number of Students	Percentage of Students
Below 1.0			
0	F	22	6.8
1.0	D	116	36.1
2.0	C	137	42.6
3.0	B	44	13.7
4.0	A	2	0.6
Total		321	99.8

Comment on Above

A study of the data above indicates that on the whole the girls make better marks in their college work here on the Junior College campus than the boys do. If you run out the averages of all men, you'll find in letter terms that the boys rate just under C. The boys in the dorm, by burning a pint more of midnight oil, would have rated 2, or full C. Half pint would have pulled the Martin boys over.

The girls stacked up a strong C plus. The students from out of town who drive in topped them all, not so far from a B minus average. While it's not given in these figures, the NYA students of all the groups rated right at the very top. People who know how to work also know how to study. In intelligence tests the factor of industry has never been measured except indirectly, but there is no doubt that industry is a phase of intelligence.

The freshman class is just under C on the average, while the sophomore class, with a year of study and discipline in study, rates a C plus. The student body as a whole is one per cent above C.

MISS BURNBY

Miss Burnby, originally reported as having attended the Rose Bowl game, corrected the rumor by informing us that she had been pulled through Christmas. New Year, and the first part of the quarter with a severe attack of the flu. Her friends are happy to see her back in the library again, and wish her a better new year than its beginning.

GRADES OF MEN, WOMEN AND STUDENT BODY, FALL QUARTER, 1939

1. Men	
a. Men's Residence Hall	1.96
b. Men Rooming in Town	1.76
c. Men Living in Martin	1.99
d. Drive-in-students (men)	1.71
e. All Men	
2. Women	
a. Women's Residence Halls	2.23
1. Main Residence Hall	2.40
2. Annex	2.09
3. Annex	1.93
4. Annex	2.40
b. Women rooming in town	2.03
c. Women living in Martin	2.39
d. Drive-in-students	2.56
e. All Women	
3. Student Body	
a. Freshman Class	1.93
b. Sophomore Class	2.10
c. Student Body	2.01

GIRLS' SPORTS AT U.T.J.C.

Basketball is to be taken up in the physical education class for girls for the first three weeks. Then will come the climax the basketball tournament between the different teams.

During the quarter badminton, shuffleboard, ping pong and volleyball will be played. The intramurals include these and also clock basketball and foul shooting.

The results to date of the horse-shoe tournament now in progress show that Tyson of the Blue team and Roark of the Red team are leading. Robertson is the next leader in Tyson's bracket and after the McIntosh and Martin game is played off, Tyson will play the winner of these two. Northcross is the leader after Roark and after Northcross plays the winner of McWhorter and Canada, Roark will have the pleasure of playing the winner.

The Yellow team still has four members in this tournament while the Black, Orange and Blue teams each has three pitchers still going strong. The remaining teams have two members each and we all know they are still fighting for their teams.

Tourists Prefer 300's Cells. The popular hotel at the always popular Indian resort of Anadhi is an old money story. To have the chance to spend the night in one of the ancient money cells, now comfortably furnished, Americans have to book rooms weeks in advance.

PRESIDENT HOSKINS VISITS SCHOOL ADDRESSES ALUMNI AND ASSEMBLY

President Hoskins was in a mellow mood when he spoke before the special assembly at 1 o'clock, Monday, December 11 before the students and faculty of the Junior College. Introduced by Paul Meek, executive officer, Dr. Hoskins, followed no prepared discourse, but talked out of a fund of wisdom, humor, and humanitarianism that will be memorable among assemblies at the junior unit.

No man in the education scene of today in Tennessee rivals Dr. Hoskins in a fund of knowledge of student nature, and the simple humanity that makes his every word touching and worth listening to. Without thought for time, the audience hung upon every word Dr. Hoskins said, and came away with the conviction that here was wisdom.

"Don't let any one tell you not to bone for exams," Dr. Hoskins said. "Have a good time, not only through the holidays but all the year, legitimately; and if you can't have it legitimately, then have a little anyway."

He deplored too much dignity; and made sage observations that the world takes us pretty well at our own rating of ourselves; and using for illustration one of the football men at Knoxville who had been too modest about being selected as an All-American, drove the point home that we should never discount our own value out of modesty, false or otherwise.

Dr. Hoskins was accompanied by Vic Davis, alumni secretary of the University of Tennessee.

Before approximately one hundred alumni, their relatives and Junior College students, and members of the faculty, Dr. James D. Hoskins, president of the University of Tennessee, reviewed briefly the history of the university, and explained its significance and use in the educational economy of Tennessee.

"I have seen ten generations of students come and go at the university," President Hoskins said. "The strength of the university lies in its alumni." The university was founded in 1794; and the pioneer trustees, Scotch-Irish Presbyterians, who had come down from Pennsylvania and Virginia into East Tennessee, kept the Sabbath and everything else they could get their hands on. The university was established with emphasis on pure science, rather than the classical education of that day; and today the school lives by that credo. "The university is a creative institution of the state, and residence teaching is not all of its functions," said Dr. Hoskins. Almost a half million people are reached through extension services of various kinds. The research work is also highly important, Dr. Hoskins citing the contribution made in the studies on frozen foods. Dr. Hoskins made the telling point that this constructive work of the university costs no more than the criminals and their care cost the taxpayers.

ALUMNI DANCE

On the night of December 16 the gym was the scent of the annual Christmas scene, which is sponsored by the All Students Club. Jack Staulcup and his orchestra furnished the music for the eager crowd of dancers. The dance was the meeting place of many former University of Tennessee Junior College students. Among the former students attending were: Mary Jane Lindsay, Virginia Clark, Mary Lynn Travis, Robert McIntosh, "Red" Goff, Jewel Hall, "Uncle Lee" Hall, Wilbur Vaughn and Paul Mayhew.



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